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## CHIANG, QUIRINO CONFER ON FAR EAST SITUATION

### China-Pl Economic Collaboration Discussed RED MENACE ON AGENDA

Manila, July 10.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek conferred for more than two hours today with the Philippine President, Mr. Elpidio Quirino, exchanging views on the general situation in the Far East.

## Istanbul Harbour Disaster

Istanbul, July 9.

At least 40 persons were killed tonight when the Turkish steamer Corum, believed to have been loaded with highly inflammable chemicals, exploded and burst into flames in Istanbul harbour.

## Dockers Hold Secret Meeting

London, July 10.

After a three-hour secret meeting today of 1,500 members of the Stevedores Union, officials refused to disclose whether any decision had been reached to end the London Port two weeks' old stoppage.

The official communique announcing the meeting said they would confer again on Monday. The communique said: "As the Generalissimo visited the Philippines unofficially his conversation with the President during their first meeting has been devoted largely to mutual information regarding the situation in China and the Philippines."

"In their exchange of views on the general situation in the Orient, or the Far East they have discussed, on an exploratory level, the subject of economic collaboration and general development of countries of the Far East."

"They expressed common belief in the desirability of mutual understanding and the necessity of establishing stronger ties of friendship and goodwill for the preservation of democracy in the Orient."

"Similarly of problems confronting each other—how to provide the peoples of China and the Philippines with a greater measure of prosperity and economic development and peace—has made the President and the Generalissimo apparently fast and warm friends."

"They will continue their conversations tomorrow."

The attachés described the talks as cordial, friendly and lively with Mr. Quirino and the Generalissimo doing most of the talking. Thirteen persons sat at the conference—six Filipinos and seven Chinese.

A high Philippine Foreign Office source revealed three of the four points of the agenda for the talks:

- (1) Economic collaboration between China and the Philippines.
- (2) A united anti-Communist front by China and the Philippines.
- (3) A Union of Pacific nations.

The fourth point was not specified but it is generally believed it concerns the granting of asylum to the Chinese Nationalists.

## Miners Vote To Continue Strike

Sydney, July 10.

Twenty-three thousand striking Australian coal miners today reaffirmed a decision to continue the two-week-old stoppage which has paralysed the nation's economy.

The cabinet is to hold a special session on Monday to discuss methods of moving 30,000 tons of coal being picketed by New South Wales miners.

## Arrival In Baguio

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek arrived in Baguio today from Taipei and announced he would have a full exchange of views with Philippine President, Mr. Elpidio Quirino, on the Communist menace in the Orient.

The veteran Chinese leader appeared energetic and smiling as he arrived at the Mansion House of this summer capital 150 miles North of Manila.

Accompanying him were 14 high advisers from Taiwan. President Quirino met him at the airport. The two leaders, then reviewed the Philippine Military Academy cadets.

In a statement, Chiang said he was happy to visit the Philippines personally at the invitation of President Quirino. He declared he was an old friend of the Filipino people and himself fought on the same side in the second world war.

Chiang also noted that China was second only to the United States in recognising the Philippine Republic after independence.

## Pacific Union

President Quirino has put forward his proposed Pacific union as "an obvious answer to the threats of Communism." His plan has stopped short of military aid and laid emphasis on economic co-operation by non-Communist states under the leadership of the United States.

Among Chiang's advisers at the conference were Dr. Wang Ching-chieh, former Chinese foreign minister, Dr. K. C. Wu, former premier of Chungking and Shanghai, Dr. Wang Shiao-ko, former secretary of the Executive Yuan; Professor Chang Chiu-yun of the National Chekiang University and author of a comprehensive history of Chinese military operations; Shen Chang-hsun, Chiang's personal secretary. There were also two aides: Lieutenant-General Yu Chi-shih, a nephew of the Generalissimo and in charge of his personal bodyguard; and Colonel Hsia Kung-chun.

Baguio gave a royal welcome to its distinguished guest notwithstanding efforts to keep his arrival a secret. Chinese stores and establishments displayed Chinese national and Filipino flags.

## Friendly Visit

President Quirino said he tried to keep Chiang's visit a secret for reasons of military security and not because he feared for his safety here. Chiang smiled back at the remark.

## The Queen Girl Guide



Queen Juliana (centre) of the Netherlands is surrounded by cheering Girl Guide leaders as she joins them on the reviewing stand at Baarn, Holland, where a Girl Guide Rally was held. The Queen, wearing Guide's uniform, opened the Rally at new Guide centre at Baarn. Associated Press Photo.

## ss. YOCHOW INTERCEPTED BY WARSHIP NEAR KOREA

### Police Kill Bandit In NT Gun Battle

One man was killed, and another wounded in a gun battle between the police and bandits which took place in the Ping Shan area in the New Territories on Saturday night.

The casualties have not yet been fully identified. The wounded man, Lam Moon-kow, was sent to Kowloon Hospital for medical treatment yesterday morning.

On the receipt of information that a group of bandits were hiding out in the Ping Shan area, a police detachment was sent to the spot at about 9 p.m. on Saturday. After the area was blockaded by the police the bandits opened fire as they retreated up the mountain.

It is learned that this group of bandits had recently crossed into the colony from Chinese territory.

## Communique On Financial Talks

London, July 10.

A Treasury communique this afternoon on the Anglo-American-Canadian financial talks stated that there had been a general exchange of views on short-term and long-term measures to right the existing disequilibrium between the dollar and sterling areas.

The communique said that it was hoped further Ministerial talks would be held in Washington early in September.

The communique added that as a next step, it was proposed that technical and fact-finding discussions should take place between the three Governments in readiness for the Washington discussions.

The communique, which covered the talks held during the last three days between Mr. Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. John Snyder, the United States Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr. Douglas Abbott, the Canadian Finance Minister, said that there had been no suggestion that sterling should be devalued.

Declaring that the three Finance Ministers had agreed that the general approach to existing problems must be based on full recognition of their "profound and long-term character," the communique added: "The aim must be the achievement of a pattern of world trade in which the dollar and non-dollar countries can operate together within one single multi-lateral system."

## U.S. Down-Turn

In Canberra, Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, the Australian Prime Minister, said in his weekly broadcast, "Report to the Nation," today that "there had been a marked downward turn in the employment and business in the United States, which was already having adverse effects in other countries."

## JAP FISHING BOAT ATTACKED

Tokyo, July 10.

A 72-ton fishing boat belonging to the Okada Company in Shimoda, Kyushu, was attacked by an unidentified 100-ton ship with rapid-fire guns, about 700 miles West of Tanegashima, off the Southern tip of Kyushu, on July 4, reports the Kyodo news agency.

The attack lasted for 20 minutes. The fishing boat escaped harm by retreating at full speed, and returned to the port of Moji, Kyushu.

One member of the crew, who had been seriously wounded during the incident, died on the way back to port—Reuter.

## POYANG FLOODED AS YANGTSE RISES

Shanghai, July 10.

The New China News Agency reported today that Poyang, lakeside town, was flooded rendering thousands homeless as the Yangtze continues to rise menacingly near the danger point and threatening the lower river basin with devastation.

## U.S. Vice-Consul Was Brutally Beaten By Reds

Shanghai, July 10.

The U.S. Vice-Consul in Shanghai, Mr. William M. Olive, who was released on Saturday by police of this Communist city after three days in jail, "was utterly, brutally beaten," the Consul-General, Mr. John Cabot declared.

The Communist "Liberation Daily" published a statement attributed to Mr. Olive that "I have not received any ill treatment during my detention."

"Any statement such as that which appeared in the 'Liberation Daily' was obtained from him as a result of the barbarous treatment he received," Mr. Cabot asserted in a press conference last Saturday.

(This despatch was more than 12 hours in transmission, apparently having been held up by the Communist military censorship.)

Mr. Olive, 32, was arrested last Wednesday, when his Consulate jeep got involved in a mass parade in which the Communists were observing the 12th anniversary of the Japanese war and the third anniversary of the civil war.

Mr. Cabot said Mr. Olive was released on Saturday, after being beaten, handcuffed, held incommunicado in jail for three days, and forced to sign several statements, a "confession" and an "apology."

"I have personally seen Mr. Olive's injuries," said Mr. Cabot. "We had him examined medically, and have taken photographs and will take X-rays."

"There is no doubt whatsoever that Mr. Olive was brutally beaten by the police," the Consul-General said. "On the other hand, I am gratified and reassured that higher authorities—when the matter was brought to their attention—arranged for his speedy release."

"The Communist physician who examined Mr. Olive said his wounds were 'worse of all bruises, contusions and abrasions, evidence of some internal injuries, and some increase in temperature and a higher pulse rate.'"

Mr. Olive, in a highly nervous and emotional state, is under the physician's care. He did not see reporters. Mr. Cabot explained earlier that he would not let Mr. Olive make any comment as "it might endanger him."

## The "Apology"

The Communist press quoting the apology of Mr. Olive, said police "educated" him and made him apologize.

"The apology said: 'I am willing to tender my apologies to the police, whom I have insulted. I am willing to pay for all repairs and damages. I promise not to commit the same offence and to obey all laws and regulations of the People's Government.'"

"Hereafter I will obey the laws. I ask the local authorities to deal with my case leniently. I have admitted my mistakes. I have searched myself and feel deeply sorry. I have not received any ill treatment during my detention."

Seven charges against Mr. Olive were reduced to four—traffic violation, refusing to give his name, beating police, and destroying public property. Punishment was fixed at three days in jail, which was already served.

Meanwhile it was learned that Mr. R. T. McNeill, British official of the Shanghai Tramway Company, was freed today, after three weeks in jail for an alleged assault on an employee. He, too, apologized.

## A Warning

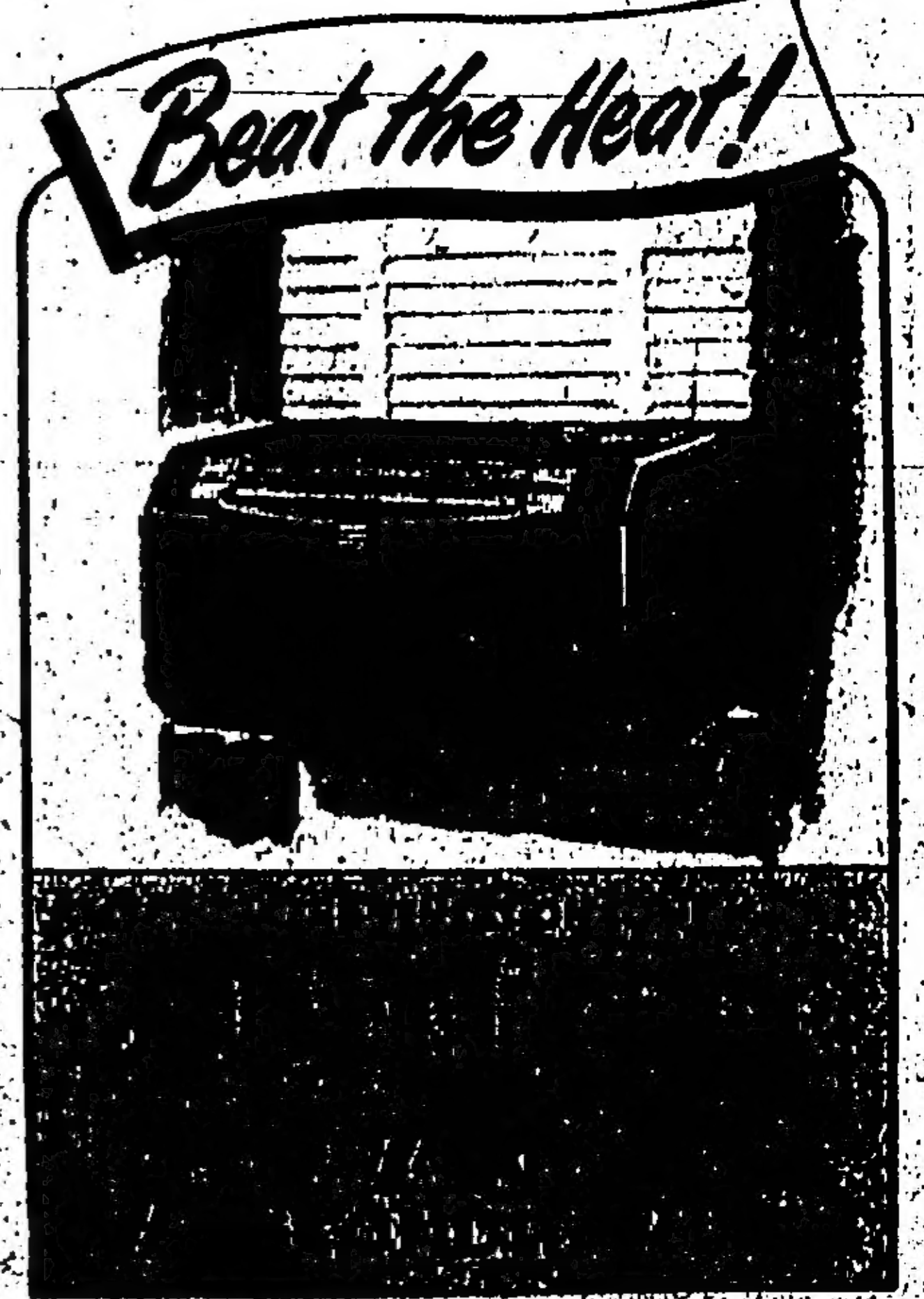
The Chinese Communists are using the Olive case as an example of what foreigners may expect in China.

An editorial in the Communist "Liberation Daily" took up the Olive case today under the heading: "Warning to American Imperialists." It described the traffic incident as an "imperialist provocative action."

The American official was accused of "imperialist arrogance." However, there were no details of any "arrogance" which his failure to give his name when first arrested.

"The 'Liberation Daily' warned: 'The Peoples Government will not tolerate foreign nationals to treat our people with arrogance, roughness or slight. Under the Peoples Government any imperialist provocative action will be appropriately punished.'"

—Associated Press.



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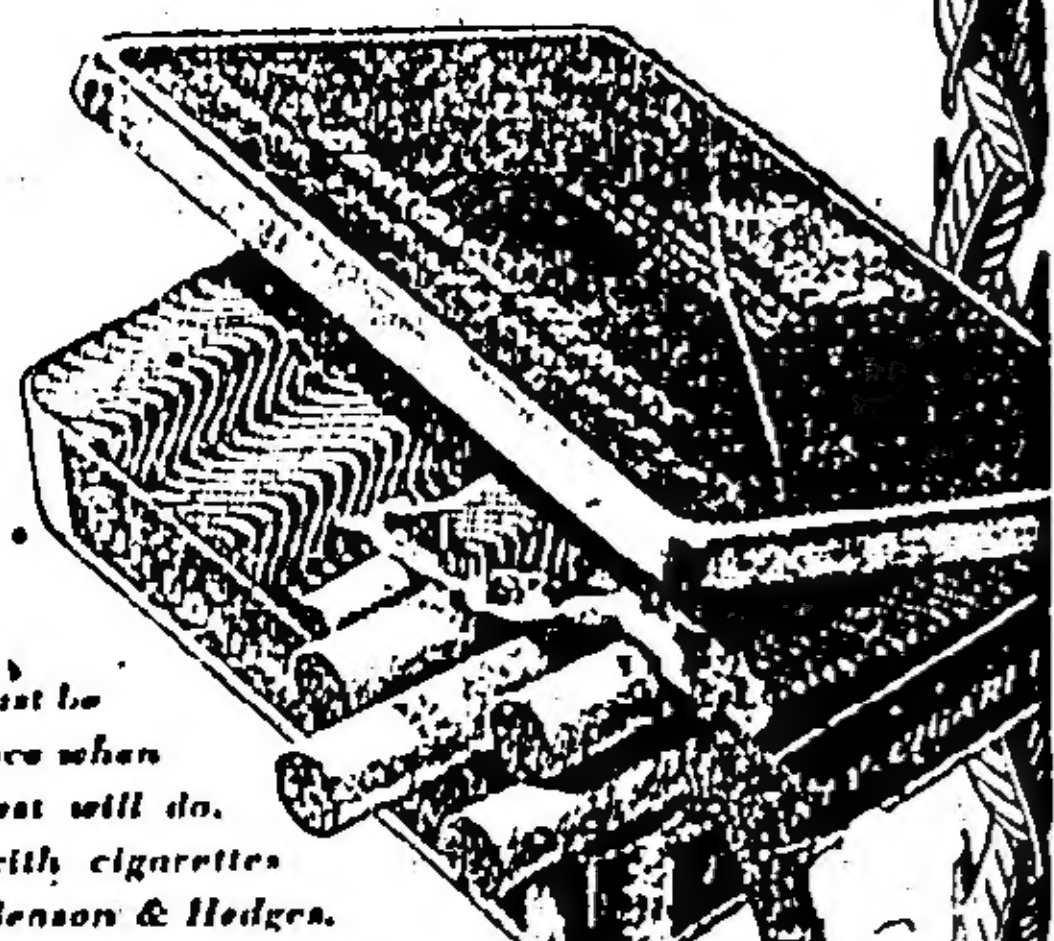
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## Transport Facilities In New Territories

(By Louey Pak-yau, Transport Manager)

When it is realized that China has something like one vehicle for every 6,000 of the population as against Hong Kong's ratio of one vehicle to every 153 of the population, and when consideration is given to the fact that there is only one mile of highway in China to every 75 square miles of territory as against Hong Kong's one mile of highway to every 0.95 square miles of territory one can readily see how major systems of land transport serve to bring out the relationship between transport facilities and economic backwardness.

Although first class highways have been developed in the New Territories, the highways cannot relieve their full potentialities as instruments of economic development if the movement of vehicles is hampered by the isolation of small groups of the population as close as a few miles away.

Feeder roads, along which trucks can move, are essential if the maximum amount of benefit is to be derived from the main roads. These are gradually being constructed throughout the Territories.

At the present time some of the vegetable farmers who live way up in the valleys of the New Territories cannot afford the time to carry in their produce to the nearest vegetable collecting centre and have to pay another man to do the carrying for them. The construction of feeder roads will eventually assist such farmers.

In considering transportation facilities which the Government has placed at the disposal of the New Territories farmers one must contrast the situation against that which prevails in China where only five per cent of agricultural produce is transported to market by trucks or rails, 45 per cent by man powered junks and hand carts and 50 per cent by human beings.

One result of the limitations brought about by the lack of adequate transportation in China and other countries of the Far East is the multitude of small, isolated markets where prices fluctuate violently. The effects on agriculture and rural life are equally serious.

The farmer has no incentive to increase his production if he cannot be certain of disposing of it all. Owing to the impossibility of disposing of his produce, he is liable to be bound hand and foot to the local dealer.

While the transportation system and communications system which the Government has given the New Territories is not yet perfect it is an outstanding example of progress which will bear comparison with any similar territory in the Far East.

For the purpose of transporting their vegetable produce in Kowloon the New Territories Farmers have, at their disposal, a fleet of 30 three-ton Dodge Trucks and two barges manned by a Staff of



Mr. Louey Pak-yau, Market Transport Manager.

13 drivers four mechanics and a staff of six on the barge. They are all under the control of Mr. P. Y. Louey.

The farmers' representatives and produce are brought into the market and when the produce has been sold the empty baskets are sent back by trucks, together with the farmers' representatives, to their respective districts. Later in the afternoon the non-perishable vegetables such as root vegetables and potatoes are brought in for sale next day.

Land barges, ferry backwards and forwards between Hong Kong and Kowloon taking fresh vegetables into Hong Kong and returning to Kowloon with imported vegetables.

To supplement and improve the transportation fleet the British Government have made available sufficient money to obtain a new fleet of 10 five-ton Diesel trucks. These are being fitted with bodies specially designed for the purpose of carrying large loads of vegetables. They will be far more economical to run since they use a cheaper fuel.

It is hoped to purchase still more Diesel Trucks and so that within the next two years the existing petrol fleet will be completely replaced by Diesel trucks. This is one further move, on the part of the Government, to lay sound foundation for the establishment of the farmers co-operative, which will be eventually owned and controlled by the farmers themselves.

## DRAGON SEED CELEBRATION

More than 300 guests gathered at the Kam Ling Restaurant on Saturday night to join with The Dragon Seed Company, Limited, and The Dragon Light Company, Limited, in celebrating the opening of their new Branch, in Wing Kut Street, Hong Kong.

Addressing the Chinese guests, Mr. Paddy Ko recounted that the founders of these companies, upon their return from Exile China after the Japanese surrender, established first The Dragon Seed Company in 1940 and the sister company in the following year. Both companies were later incorporated under the Hong Kong Ordinances as Limited Liability Companies.

Mr. Ko attributed the outstanding success of the two companies to the support and consideration shown by 80 many high class manufacturers abroad, to the untiring co-operation of local importers and, finally, to the guidance given by local competitors, all leading to public patronage and very modestly attained results assuming any credit for the management.

Mr. Peter Ho, the popular Managing Director of both companies, made a speech of welcome in English to the large sprinkling of foreign guests.

## KAI TAK TOPICS

"I want a job in Hong Kong!" declared 21-year-old Jacqueline Wong, a pretty Swiss Miss, as she stepped off a C.P.A. plane yesterday to spend some time in the Colony holidaying.

Miss Wong came in from Rangoon, where she works, via Bangkok and was met by many friends at the airport including several Pan American boys.

Jackie, as her friends greeted her, has widely travelled about South America and her native Switzerland. Her parents are at present living in New Mexico.

Jackie says that she is simply enthralled by this little island, as she calls Hong Kong. "I would like to live and work here," she said.

With the weather not at its very best around Hong Kong and Macao, MATCO cancelled their scheduled flight to the Portuguese Colony yesterday.

On Saturday however, MATCO had a full passenger load on their Catalina, Macao bound. Most of the passengers were passing the week-end there.

POAS met with a slight accident while landing at Macao on Saturday, it was reliably reported.

The aircraft, a Catalina, had one of its pontoons crippled as the plane touched the water at Macao's Dutch Harbour. There was nothing serious however, and all passengers were landed safely.

The HQ of the Central Air Transport Corporation emphatically denied the cable report that a CATC aircraft, a C47, crashed on the way from Canton to Taipei on Saturday.

The CATC said that all aircraft of the company have been accounted for and that the news agency report was grossly incorrect.

CAT had one of its busiest days in Hong Kong yesterday with Air Movements recording more than eight operations to and from Kowloon, Chungking and Canton.

All such flights are chartered by the Central Bank of China, transport the money and silver notes heading for the interior.

Jim Bushford, CAT's busy man at Kai Tak these days, told us that these flights will soon be doubled with the introduction of silver notes heading for the interior.

A story of a most unique wedding ceremony was told to us by a friend who piloted his plane in from Manila yesterday.

Getting married on a Sunday is quite usual, if not advisable. But getting married in a plane, and not by accident, is something quite different.

While a Philippine Air Lines Sky-master was flying high above Manila, two young Manila society people were getting married. They were Miss Rosie O. Coe and Mr. Roberto Tan.

The wedding was sponsored by Senator and Mrs. Carlos Tan of the Philippines.

The PAL plane was specially decorated for the occasion and an improvised altar snugly fitted in. After the "I do's" were exchanged the plane landed and the happy couple proceeded to the Happy Landing lounge of the Manila International Airport where the reception was held. No mention was made however, of where the honeymoon was being spent.

## PAL TO THE RESCUE

A three-year-old Filipino boy stranded in Los Angeles will soon be flying home to his policeman father and the air ride will be free of charge on a Philippine Air Lines ticket, reported the "Manila Chronicle" yesterday.

The lad is little Tommy Tan, son of Patrolman Carlos Tan of the Quezon City police department.

Tommy's mother, Mrs. Josephine Tan is an American mestiza who in 1940 took advantage of the United States repatriation programme to visit her homeland.

Mrs. Tan however became seriously ill in the United States and is unable to care for her three-year-old son. The authorities took up the matter and finally Colonel Otto F. Bryan, Vice President of PAL, in charge of repatriations, offered to take Tommy home on a free ride.

Little Tommy will be flying home on the next PAL plane to leave San Francisco.

## HAMMERED A BULLET

A Chinese youth was seriously injured when he hammered a bullet and caused it to explode at about 4 p.m. yesterday at Beach Street, Tsing Wan District.

The youth, Ku Kwun-sung, aged 14, picked up the bullet on a hillside and brought it home.

## Results Of Matriculation Examinations; 100 Pass

One hundred students out of a total of 253 who sat for the Matriculation Examination in June have passed.

They are now eligible for admission to any course of studies at the Hong Kong University.

Last year, the Matriculation Examination resulted in 62 per cent passes compared with 40 per cent this year. In 1948 181

students passed out of a total of 289.

Of the 43 private students who sat for the examination only five were successful.

Successful candidates are (divisions in brackets): Queen's College: 1. Chua Ka-wing, 3. Fung Shu-lam, 5. Mak Kwong-leung, 6. Mak Him, (Physics and Chemistry), 8. Or Wing-yam, 9. Shum Cheuk-yum, 10. Siu Chang-lun, (Mathematics), 13. Yu She-wah.

St. Joseph's College: 16. Chan Yau-tan, 17. Curram, Imbran Abdul, 18. Fan, George, 19. Fung Shu-chuen, 20. Fok Yik-chiu, 28. Wahab, Abdul Mahid, 29. Wong Kwok-juh (Physics and Chemistry).

St. Paul's College: 32. Chan Shing-kee, 34. Kan, Pun-cheung, 35. Lau Sai-ming, 37. Lau Yuc-chia (Mathematics), 39. Lung Sze-shing, 40. Man Kwok-hung (Mathematics).

St. Stephen's Boys' College: 44. Ang Kian-an, 46. Khoo Ven-kei (English), 48. Li Hon-chi, 55. Yau Hsing-sung.

Wan Yan College: 57. Chan Cheung-ping (English), 65. Hui Yiu-chun, 66. Kwan Yiu-chor, 67. Kwok Kiu-sung, 71. Lam Tak-cheung, Edward (English), 72. Lo Wan-shun, 73. Ma Tsok-leung (Mathematics), 75. Ng Chun-man, 78. Tam Ping-sheung, 79. Tso Hin-yip, 80. Yung Cherk-kin.

Private Students: 89. Kwong Fook-wai, 118. Chow Yat-bin, 119. Lok, Yee-ho, 121. Law, Yung-pin.

Rayden House: 150. Wang, Lillian.

St. Paul's College: 164. Ng Shun-wah, 168. Wong Wah-hing, 169. Yeung Kit-oi, 170. Yount, Wai-man.

St. Stephen's Girls' College: 179. Yip Yiu-shing.

Private Student: 188. Yung Fong-chun.

Diocesan Boys' School: 213. Chan Shueing (History), 215. Cheng Wing-ko, 217. Hui Chun-keung, 218. Jung Yu-sing (Geography), 219. Kuo Klem-an (Mathematics), 220. Kuo, Joachin Ode (German), 222. Lau, 225. Lee, Pak-fong, 230. Low, Gordon (Geography), 232. Mok Sing-chuen, 236. Perry, Ronald Arthur (English, History), 243. Wong, Kenneth (Geography), 244. Wong Shek-man, 245. Wok Kee-cheung, 247. Yu Ho-ming.

La Salle College: 24. Chan Lam, Edmund, Justin (English, French), 251. Chen Chien-hai, 254. Fong King-wah, Paul, 256. Ho Kwan-man (Mathematics), 260. Hung Man-hin, 261. Kai Hung-kuen, 265. Lee Tet-an, 268. Low Yung-kun, Maxine, 270. Mak Hoi-shun, 272. Ng, Richard Shu-long, 273. Ng, Teik-chung, 274. Remedios, Carlos, Arthur (Algebra, English), 275. Remedios, Eduardo Plo, 280. Tsang Shu-lung, 281. Tse Kai-cheung, David, 282. Wong Pei-lung, Lawrence.

Diocesan Girls' School: 332. Avastis, Joyce Elizabeth (English, History), 333. Bulank, Suthier (History), 334. Chan, Annie, 335. Chan, Fatsie, 337. Cheung, Lonn, 338. Mow, Diana, 339. Poon, Therese, 342. Ue Shuk-yuen, 349. Wong, Amy (History), 345. Wong, Genevieve, 346. Wong, Lillian (Biology), 347. Wong, Phyllis, 350. Youngsaye, Barbara (English).

Maryknoll Convent School: 351. Tam Wing-fo, Esther, 352. Woo Mel-wen, Mary.

St. Mary's School: 354. Chan Yuen-wah, Yvonne, 356. Ho Wai-man, Vivienne, 359. Leung Tsin-tsin, Luciana, 361. Remedios, Catherine, Leonora, 362. Tiampo, Rosa, 363. Wong Made-lai, Lily, 367. Wong Shu-fun, Shirley.

The following is an analysis of the results—

**BOYS**

Entered	Not Passed	Failed	
Queen's College	18	12	8
St. Joseph's College	15	11	7
St. Paul's College	12	11	6
St. Stephen's College	12	8	4
Rayden House	1	1	0
Wah Yan College	31	27	11
Diocesan Boys' School	35	12	22
La Salle College	25	10	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>67</b>

**GIRLS**

Entered	Not Passed	Failed	
Queen's College	5	5	0
St. Joseph's College	14	1	0
St. Paul's College	14	15	4
St. Stephen's College	0	0	1
Diocesan Girls' School	20	19	7
Maryknoll Convent	18	2	0
St. Mary's School	15	10	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>37</b>

**PRIVATE STUDENTS**

Entered	Not Passed	Failed	
Boys	40	33	4
Girls	16	11	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>5</b>

**TOTALS**

Entered	Not Passed	Failed	
Boys	203	173	72
Girls	81	65	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>109</b>

## Ulster Premier May Tour U.S.

Belfast, July 9.

Sir Basil Brooke, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, today received an invitation to make a goodwill tour of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Louis H. Reil of Toronto, Secretary of the Ulster Grand Orange Council of the World, who is in Belfast for the Council conference, has issued the invitation.

Mr. Reil said that such a tour of the world will render invaluable service to Northern Ireland.

## ARCHBISHOP UNDER ARREST

London, July 9.

The Vatican radio today quoted a Bucharest report that Monsignor Alessandro Gatti, Archbishop of Bucharest, is under house arrest by the Rumanian authorities.

A report from the Vatican on July 9 said that the Archbishop of Bucharest, Alessandro Gatti, was arrested by the Rumanian authorities. The report said that the Archbishop was arrested on the grounds of alleged involvement in the activities of the Rumanian resistance movement.

## New Ships Arrive In Hong Kong

Two new ships came to the Colony for the first time, on Saturday.

The Greek vessel Ahn Starthatos which is chartered by the Hong Kong Eastern Company arrived here from Japan bringing in about 5,000 tons of lime stones for the Green Island Cement Company.

The second new vessel was the ss. San Ricardo owned by the Messageries Maritimes Shipping Company.

The San Ricardo which had a gross tonnage of 349 tons, came here from Haiphong with a considerable amount of cement and glass.

In command of the new French ship is Mr. Henri Peiffer.

She is presently anchored off Stonecutter.

A former Blue Funnel cargo and passenger steamer arrived here yesterday from the United Kingdom under a new name.

The former ss. Achilles which was transferred to the Glen Lines, is now named Rednorshire.

Coining for the first time flying her new flag, the Rednorshire brought here three omnibuses for the China Motor Bus Company and three new cargo vans for the local Sanitary Department.

Other cargoes included 3,000 tons of tyres, cotton and other manufactured goods.

Commanded by Captain P. Evans, the former Blue Funnel ship left London on June 4.

She is expected to leave the Colony for Taiwan and Japan within a day or two.

Before returning to the United Kingdom, the Rednorshire is expected to again call at the Colony sometime in August and she is due to arrive in London in September.

The Achilles had only one passenger for Hong Kong, Mr. C. Emery.

## Bitter Attack On Vatican

Prague, July 9.

A bitter attack on the Vatican by the Vice-Premier, Zdenek Flerlinger, was published in the current issue of the Communist weekly, "Tvorba."

Flerlinger in the article accused the Pope of leading a noisy advertising campaign for the Marshall Plan and the Atlantic Pact. Flerlinger said American dollars support the Vatican, therefore the Pope "has joined the service of dollar imperialism."

The Deputy Premier charged that the Vatican is trying to influence Czechoslovakia's domestic and foreign policies by adept usage of the foreign press and radio.

He said: "The Vatican is reckoning with our weakness and conflicts inside the nation and is trying to feed them. We will not allow ourselves to be threatened because there is only one truth—the truth of the working man."

"The time has come, when we have to solve the relations between the State and Church forever. There must be no Munich again."—United Press.

## PARADISE NOT GOOD ENOUGH

Singapore, July 9.

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Several hundreds have emigrated to North Borneo, Singapore and other places. It is almost all the 3,000 have told the authorities that they want to start life afresh where there is more work and better pay.

The remote Cocos Reefs, perfect example of coral islands, are described as the last bits of Paradise on earth.

The population of the islands doubled in the last 20 years but the revenue from copra, on which the population lives, can support only 1,000.—Reuters.

## INDIAN POLICE RAID ON REDS

Calcutta, July 9.

One wanted Communist was killed and five others captured when police raided a Communist hide-out 20 miles from Calcutta today, according to a police report. The police said the men fought bitterly before the five surrendered.

Five quantities of bombs and acid-filled electric light bulbs and a homemade gun were seized at the hide-out.—Associated Press.

## FRITZ STRICKER DEAD

Bamberg, July 9.

Dr. Fritz Stricker, Chairman of the Conservative Western German Central Party, died in hospital today, his funeral being held in Bamberg.

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## GRIM PREDICTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BY MANUFACTURER

Paris, July 9.

Ex-president Howard Coonley of the National Association of Manufacturers predicted today that unemployment in the U.S. may reach 6,000,000 in the next couple of months.

"But that is about the top," he told The Associated Press in an interview, "and there should be an upturn in business by the end of this year or early next year."

Mr. Coonley, who has nearly a half century's business experience, came here to preside over a session of the International Organization for Standardization. He is due to leave for London on Sunday.

He is convinced that the U.S. is not going into a real depression, but there will be a substantial readjustment. This had to come, he explained, because production capacity and inventories increased so heavily during the war and immediately afterward.

"Then toward the end of last year," he added, "the 'seller's' market came to an end. Inventories were reduced. Distributors cancelled orders. The price level could not continue—and when prices go down there is always a kind of upset to morale."

Mr. Coonley pointed out, on the other hand, that banks are looking for borrowers. The amount of money out on loans is small, interest low and savings high. He believes that these conditions reflect a healthy state of business.

## Chief Danger

He foresees the possibility of labour trouble as the chief danger that might bring on a psychological slump.

"It is very important for prices to go down," he said. "Much more important than for wages to go up."

He added, however, that the danger of strikes does not seem to be great in view of increased unemployment.

"Labour is in a good frame of mind," he said. "Output per man has increased substantially and unions and management have learned a lot about how to get along with one another."

He praised the agreement between General Motors and the United Auto workers, which ties wage rates to living costs. He said that there is some chance that this idea may catch on elsewhere.—Associated Press.

## Berlin's Little Blockade

Hamburg, July 9.

German lorry traffic for Berlin has been diverted from three Soviet control points on the Anglo-Russian and American-Soviet zonal borders, according to German frontier reports.

The Soviet military authorities have ordered that no lorries for the Western sectors of Berlin should enter the Soviet zone through the control points of Michelsdamm near Lucke, and Bergen Am Der Dume near Lueneburg in the British zone, and Hof in the American zone.

Lorried with consignments for the Soviet zone as distinct from Berlin are allowed to pass these control points.

Passenger traffic in both directions is not affected. Traffic from the Western zones is reaching Berlin normally today after it had been diverted to a Soviet control point near Lucke, where traffic has been stopped since last night.—Reuter.

## SHORTAGE OF CZECH LABOUR

Prague, July 10.

Miners, workers and Czech Government officials are meeting in the Most coalfields to discuss a serious labour shortage and the production of the official news agency said here today.

The report said that proposals have been made for borrowing mining machinery to avoid curtailment of output, which suggests that Czech heavy industry has not been able to meet its requirements for mechanization of deep and open-cast workings.

This was the first mention made under the Communist Government of any possibility that production quotas set by the Five-Year Plan, might have to be cut back in any industry.—Reuter.

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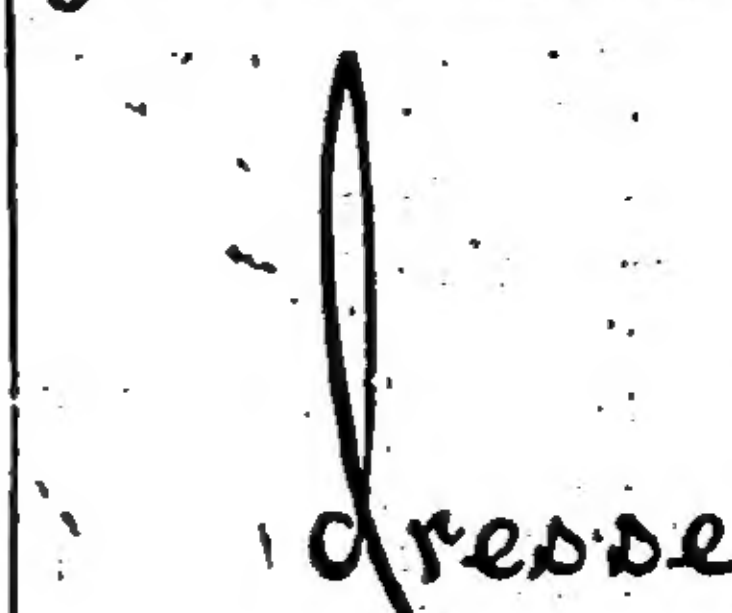


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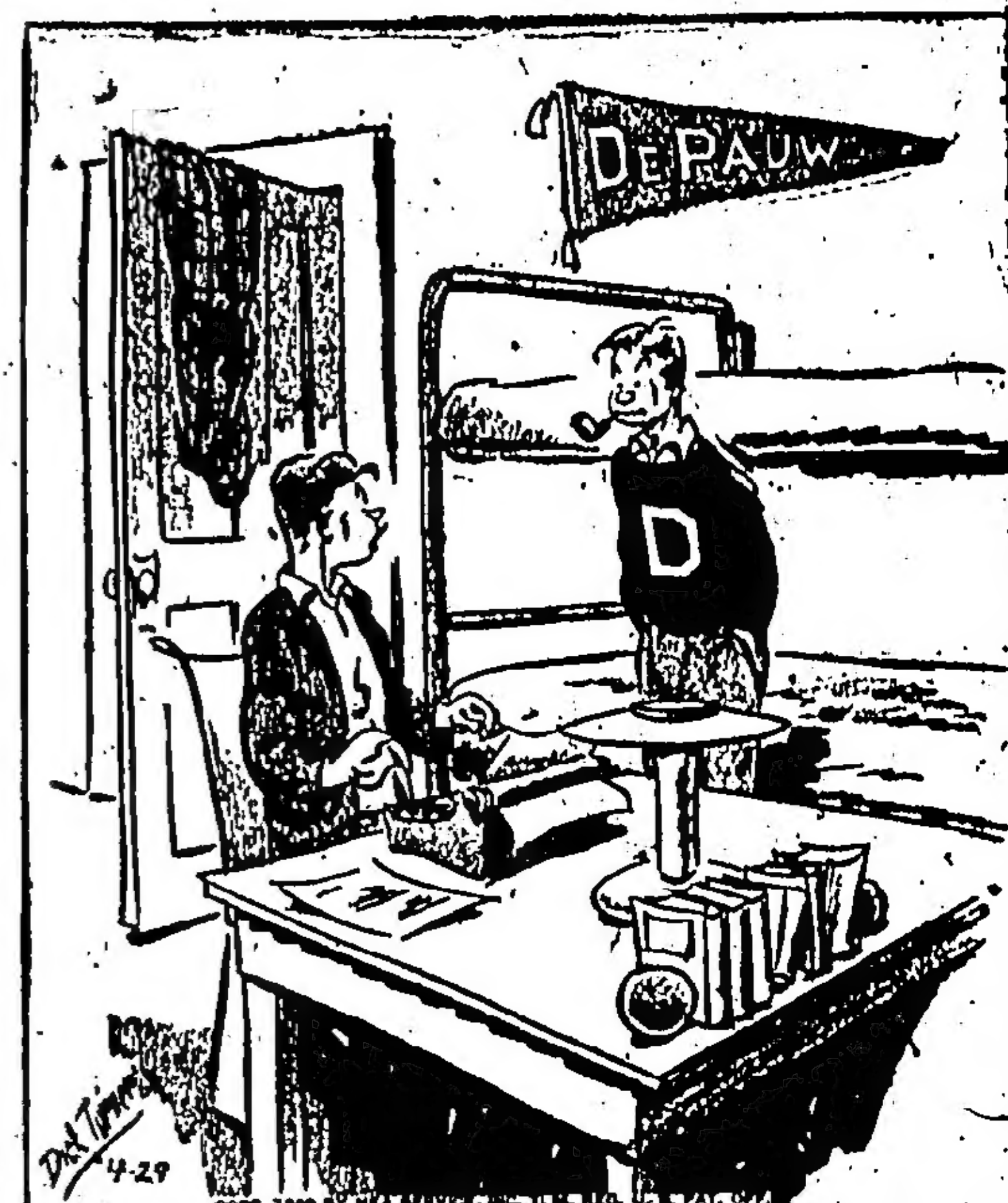
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H 9  
D 8 7  
C A 7 5 4 2  
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H 5 4  
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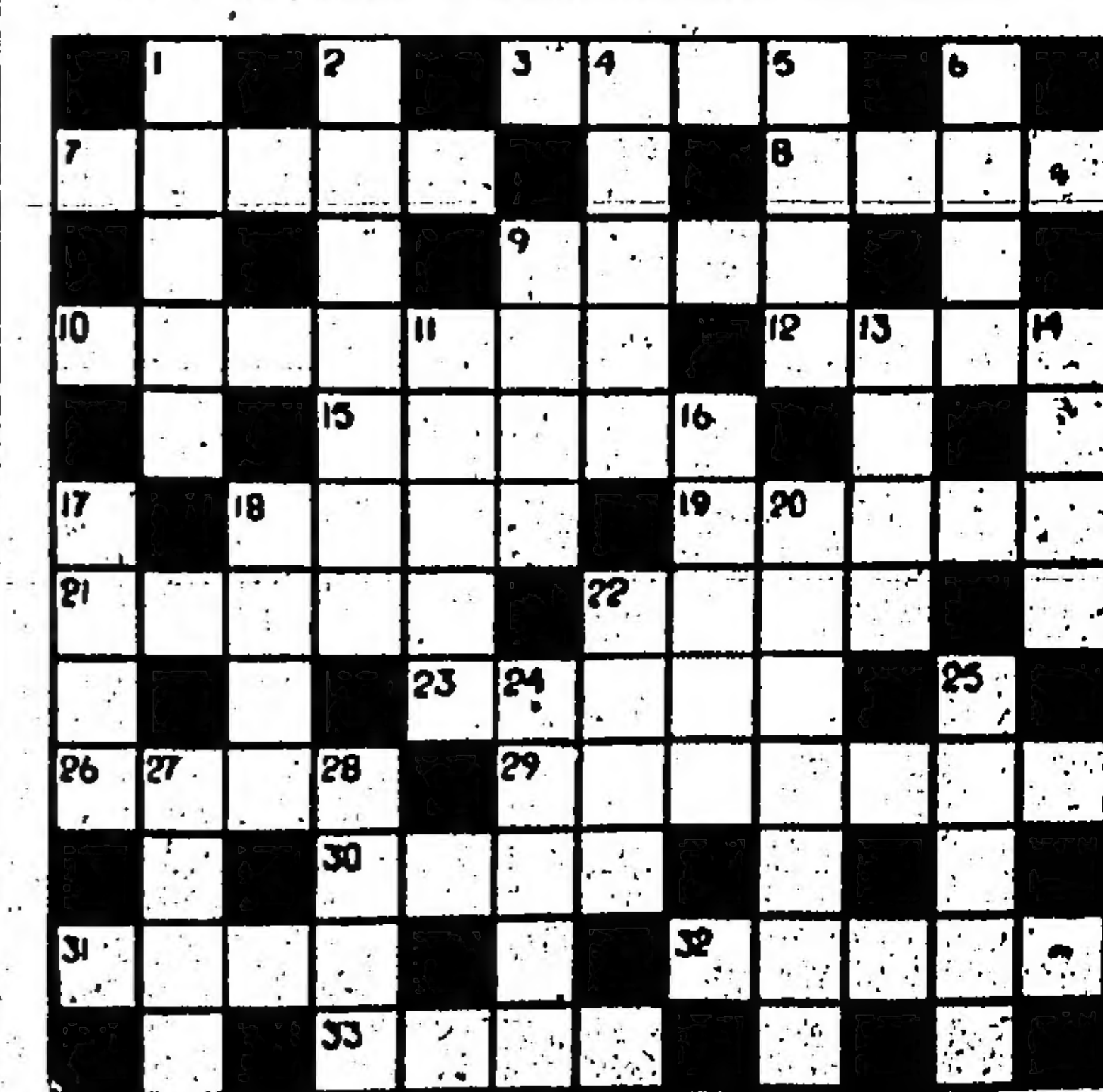
(Dealer: East. North-South vulnerable).  
East Pass South 2 NT  
West 1 D Pass  
North 2 C 3 C  
Pass 3 NT

Declarer at several tables reached this same contract despite possession of only a single stopper in hearts. Most of them felt that the club K would solidify that suit and make possible a run of clubs, so that only a few more tricks must be won with high honours. Several were beaten in the contract, but several made it—the better players.

In each case West led the Q of his partner's hearts, which was

After the spade K and A, what is the worst card West can lead against South's 4-Clubs?

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Down  
1 Fascination. 14 Neat. 15 Yield. 16 Fat away. 17 Manservant. 18 Very old. 19 Flaccid. 20 Slave. 21 Mounted. 22 Mean. 23 Game. 24 Wash. 25 Agitate. 26 Sound. 27 Foolish. 28 Cpt. apart. 29 Part of the car. 30 Lorry. 31 Down. 32 Laid. 33 Acid. 34 Miner. 35 Idea. 36 Pre-ference. 37 Used. 38 Taro. 39 In-ferred. 40 Halt. 41 Weir. 42 Up-der. 43 Rode. 44 Rattle.



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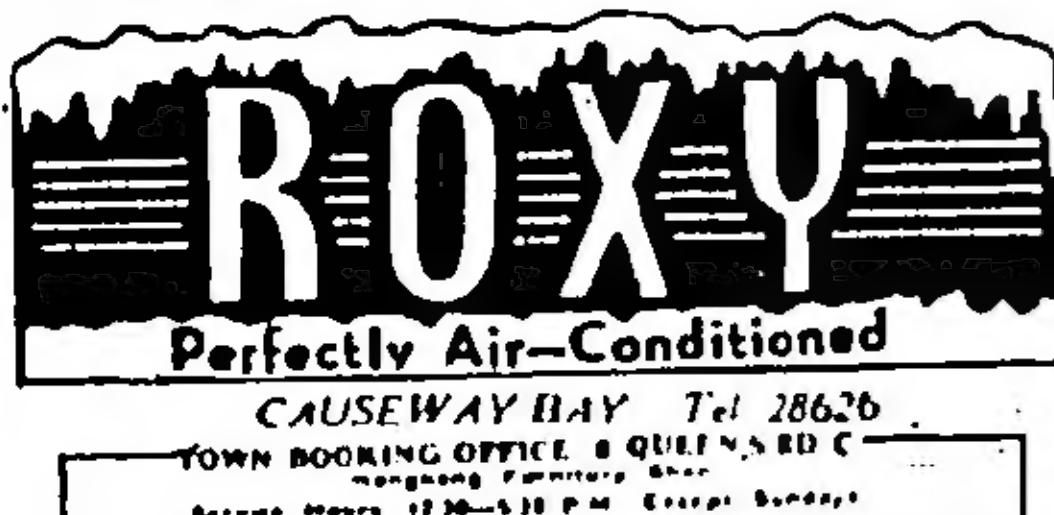
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## REDS USE AUSTRALIA AS TESTING GROUND

Sydney, July 9.

## ADVICE TO CHINA MISSIONS

Liverpool, July 9.

The Reverend H. B. Rattenbury, new Methodist President, today advised missionaries not to doubt or to fawn on the new Communist authorities in China.

Mr. Rattenbury, who spent 32 years as a missionary in China, told the Methodist conference of 600 preachers and laymen here that he thinks there are two great dangers today before the church in China.

"One is to flout the new authority and the other is to fawn on it."

He does not think that "denouncing Communism and all its ways as anti-Christian is the right attitude for the church in China or anywhere else, adding: "I will not say that there is no hope for the church in a Communist China."

The conference is discussing overseas missions and the section of the annual report dealing with China, which said:

"The new leaders are convinced Marxists. It is not clear what effect the Communist government will have on the church or the missionaries."

"Whilst it has seemed right to evacuate mothers and children, the Overseas Mission Committee firmly supports the men and women missionaries who have determined to stay with their brethren and sisters facing the situation."

"One of the immediate problems is the maintenance of the missionary staff under unprecedented conditions."—Reuter

Australia's general coal strike, entering its third week on Monday, swung into a "boots and all" battle for survival between the Labour Government and the Communists.

Some qualified observers say the main Communist motive in spreading the conflict is to use Australia as a "test tube" in which the Communist strategy for Britain and America can be worked out on a small scale.

The Communists, entrenched in the mining and steel trades and the marine unions, fear the Government may break their grip on a powerful section of the trade union movement. Still a legal party in Australia, the Communists also face a growing popular move to outlaw them.

Although there are only 23,000 coal miners under Communist domination, they have already threatened Australia's industry. By striking in mid-winter after whittling coal stocks to almost day-to-day normal needs, the strikers are also subjecting millions to varying degrees of general strike conditions. In Sydney, the biggest and hardest hit metropolis, 1,500,000 people live as in siege. There is no gas or electricity and virtually no public transport.

The question of what the Government will do in the face of this threat gains much attention. The Independent "Sunday Herald" said Labour Members of Parliament will ask the Federal and State Governments to seize the mines as a first step forward. Other papers said the Government is planning to declare a state of emergency and take control of the mines, which are owned privately although the Government exercises some control through the National Coal Board.

Long under Conservative attack for its alleged overtly tolerant attitude toward Communism, the Chifley administration is fighting with its back to the wall and its eyes on the general election in November.

Communist Fear  
The Government knows that its reign of power, which started in 1941, will end if it alienates the decisive floating vote by a failure to halt chaos.

## Investigation Of Judge Demanded

New York, July 9.

A Congressional investigation of the conduct of the Alger Hiss perjury trial by the Federal Judge Mr. Samuel Kaufman was today demanded by a Republican Member of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

He alleged that the Judge had been prejudiced in favour of the defence.

Mr. Kaufman, replying to the allegation, said: "All I can say is that the stenographers' minutes are full and complete and they tell the whole story. Both sides are entitled to a full and judicial trial."

Hiss, a former State Department official, was charged with having lied when he denied to a Grand Jury that he had delivered secret Government papers to Whittaker Chambers, self-described ex-courier of a pre-war Soviet spy ring.

The jury in the case was discharged yesterday when it had failed to reach a verdict after 14 hours' discussion.

Hiss is expected to go on trial again in the autumn.

Representative Clarence Brown of Ohio, a member of the Committee of Un-American Activities, said that the Justice Department should bring Hiss to trial again "before an unbiased Federal Judge of the highest integrity and with prosecutors whose abilities and knowledge of the case are beyond question."

Representative Francis Case of South Dakota, said he will ask the Committee to hear in secret certain prosecution witnesses who were refused permission to testify during the trial.

Among these, Mr. Case said, was Mrs. Hilde Massing, former wife of Gerhart Eisler, German-born Communist who fled from the United States to Europe.

Representative Case wants the Un-American Activities Committee to meet next Tuesday so that Mrs. Massing can be called.

Representative John Wood (Democrat), Chairman of the Committee, is opposed to reopening the hearings.

He said: "It looks like interference with the Justice Department's prosecution of the case."—Reuter.

Amman, July 9.

A home guard is being formed in Arab Palestine to be trained by the Transjordan Arab Legion, under whose command it is intended eventually to provide two brigades.—Reuter.

## Will Fight

Charging that the strike is a Communist conspiracy, the Government has warned that it will fight "boots and all" until the miners resume arbitration of their demands for a 35-hour week, long service leave and a wage increase.

Mr. Chifley has been named "Boots and All Ben" by the Australian press, but sharing responsibility with him is his Attorney-General and deputy Prime Minister, Dr. Herbert Evatt.

Dr. Evatt is generally regarded as the main force behind the Government's anti-Communist moves of last week which shifted from one of attrition to a series of swift crackdowns against Communist leaders and the dramatic security police raid on Communist Headquarters. A handful of Communist union leaders still refuse to surrender the \$24,250 of union funds which was frozen by emergency legislation in an attempt to cripple the strikers' credit facilities. They are now demanding that prosecutions be quashed as a new condition for strike settlement.—United Press.

## HANOI COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Paris, July 9.

A council of Ministers of the new Vietnamese Government, headed by Bao Dai, former emperor of Annam, will be held in Hanoi on July 19, the Agency France Presse reported from Saigon. The appointments of M. Nguyen van Tri as Governor of North Vietnam (Tongking) and of M. Phan van Giau as Governor of Central Vietnam (Annam) were said.—Reuter.

## Radio Comic Found Hanged In Prison

London, July 9.

Peter Waring, British radio comedian, who was yesterday gaoled for nine months on fraud charges, was today found hanged in prison.

"Thirty years old, Waring, whose real name was John Peter Malmwarig, rose in a few years to be a £150-per-week radio star.

Yesterday he wept in court as he was found guilty on six charges of obtaining credit without disclosing that he was an undischarged bankrupt and bore charge of false pretences.—Reuter.

## Catholic Bishop's Protest

Prague, July 9.

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Hradec Kralove, Dr. Moric Pica, describing himself as a "semi-prisoner" has publicly protested against "exceptional police measures" which, he declares, violate the Czechoslovak Constitution.

The text of his protest, made during a Confirmation service in the town of Chrast, became available here today as Church sources alleged that considerably more than 100 priests have been arrested or have disappeared.

Dr. Pica stated at the service: "In my residence in Hradec Kralove I am under police surveillance."

"I am not free to receive personal visits nor the visits of my own official functionaries."

"I am thus a semi-prisoner cut off from the members of my diocese."

"I solemnly protest against these police measures in the name of the personal freedom guaranteed by Paragraph 12 of our People's Constitution and in the name of the freedom of word and of the press guaranteed by Paragraphs 18 and 24 of the same Constitution."

"The exceptional police measures instituted against the Church and its representatives whether of higher or lower rank are thus anti-constitutional."—Reuter.

## JAP STUDENTS FOR THE U.S.

Tokyo, July 9.

Fifty college and university professors and instructors, selected from 107 candidates, will leave Japan shortly to study at United States universities and colleges for one year, it was announced by the Education Ministry today. They will be the guests of the United States Government during their year in America and all expenses of the students will be paid, including transportation. The project was made possible by a Congressional appropriation to aid countries which cannot at present afford to send students abroad.—Reuter.

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## MALAYA PROSPECT

It is important that we should realise the difficulties which still have to be surmounted in dealing with the Communist terror in Malaya. Even assuming that the remaining 3,000 or so Communist guerrillas can be effectively dealt with in the near future, Malaya will continue to require a police force far in excess of its pre-war establishment. This will impose on the country a heavy financial burden which in present circumstances it is ill-equipped to undertake. The price of its staple commodity—rubber—is now lower in the world market than it was in 1939, while the cost of administration has risen steeply, as has also that of rice. Unfortunately the successful elimination of the present threat to law and order provides no assurance that there will be no recurrence of the danger. Communist terrorism in Malaya is largely an alien movement which has come into the country from without. In the existing chaotic condition of Burma, and with Siam far from settled, there are endless possibilities of further penetration. Nor can the triumph of the Communist armies in China be without its effect. It is easy to imagine a situation comparable to that in Greece arising. A great deal more, therefore is required of the Malayan authorities and of the Colonial Office than just a final mopping-up operation. A declining standard of life would play into the hands of the now discredited Communists; prosperity and good government will go far to prevent them from repairing their damaged prestige.

## Christians At Bay

The Communist campaign against the Catholic Church behind the Iron Curtain is gathering momentum daily. After last year's coup d'état in Czechoslovakia the Czech hierarchy declared that it stood outside politics, and above parties, and the usual promises of religious freedom were made by the usurping Government. But the neutrality of the Church was in itself made the subject of attack by the so-called "People's Democracy"; the proclamation by the bishops forbidding priests to take State office, and suspending such men as did so, was particularly resented. It is in point of fact difficult to see how any sincere Christian, let alone a priest, could serve as a willing colleague with Communist Ministers who lose no opportunity of denouncing religious education, and extolling Marxist materialism. As the chances of making the Church subservient receded, more and more open steps against it have been taken. As in other countries inside Soviet domination something more than rights of temporal, against spiritual authority, is in dispute. It is a question whether Christianity in any form—indeed religion of any kind—is to be allowed to enter the citizen's life or is to be abolished in favour of pure materialism. Elsewhere this battle has been going on for a long time. In Czechoslovakia the first campaign is only now opening.

## IN GERMANY, THE OLD GANG IS WAITING FOR DER TAG

By JOHN FISHER

## More Babies If More Houses

Answers to the Report by the Royal Commission on population summarised by MONTAGUE SMITH

"Give us the houses and we will provide the children the nation needs—and that we are longing to have."

That is the overwhelming answer of the hundreds of women who have responded to the invitation to give their opinions of the proposals of the Royal Commission on Population.

The Commission put the housing question at the end of their report. The women put it a long way in front of all other plans. Nearly 40 per cent of all the letters received, coming from all parts of the country and all classes of the population, voice this demand for more houses.

## In One Room

Many of the letters are heart-rending reading—some from women married for eight or more years, longing for children, but unable to bear them because they are living with their parents or in one unfurnished room.

And at the other end of the scale are such cases as that of a mother in Tottenham, years on the council waiting-list for a house, and now with boys of 18 and 12 and a girl of nearly 12, all obliged to sleep in one room. The waiting system for housing priorities is another heartache to many. For priorities depend on the number of children already born, and for those who want children but cannot have them until they get a house the position seems as hopeless as the embargo is unfair.

Now to the housing difficulty our correspondents put the cost of the necessary provisions for the baby before it is born as the greatest deterrent to larger families.

Most welcome of all the Commission's proposals is that for increasing children's allowances as they grow older, and for extending the allowance to cover the first child.

But most wives in the professional and similar classes would prefer a reduction of income tax to any allowances. Costs of education are stressed here, but take little prominence in the letters as a whole.

Several married women think there is abuse of children's allowances by some parents who spend them on their own enjoyment. The issue of coupons for the purchase of children's necessities only is suggested.

About 10 per cent of women put fear of future war or the present uncertainties of living conditions as reasons for not having children.

## Busy Pens

The proposal that contraceptive methods should be taught as part of the National Health Service has attracted little attention in this correspondence. Declared opponents of it are fewer than two per cent of the respondents of the interest in the Population Report generally in the length of the letters received. Many busy mothers have written nearly 1,000 words; the average is more than 300.

All these opinions have been carefully noted, and it is regretted that lack of space prevents the publication of more than these few typical extracts.

The single most struggle long and hard to save for a home, and the unhappy dwellers in furnished rooms are effectively prevented from remaining other than childless.

The solution is a system of marriage loans. These loans could be made without interest, repayable at a fixed percentage per month, according to wage or salary. If these measures could be accompanied by some degree of housing priority they would certainly be effective.

A. S. FORREST.  
Newport, Mon.  
Make mothers' lives easier at once by releasing all household goods, particularly labour-saving devices, from purchase tax.

Bradford.  
Shortage of food and queuing is the main reason for small families, but every day, sometimes twice a day, they come back exhausted, irritable, and weary with only the bare necessity for one day's feed. The strain is on the woman, who is tired of it all and declares there shall be no more children for her. I hear it every day.

Harrow. (Mrs.) M. E. RYAN.  
It is not the cost of keeping and feeding a large family which is the reason for the falling birth-rate so much as the initial expense of having a baby.

Que twine cost as a small fortune to provide for a baby (see below) and we needed four (see below) cost around £3 each, passed from £10 upwards play-

pens about £2, and high chairs £3 10s.  
(Mrs.) DELPHINE I. RATOLIFF.

Bedford.  
Someone at last has hit the nail right on the head. It's NONE! No one does not really want any woman who wants a child. She'd go through much worse. I've had three. But look, rather, at the price of children's clothes—30s. for small, decent frocks, 7s. 6d. each for bathing trunks to fit three-year-olds, £1 for a coat, and does anyone realise that nappies, even are 2s. each? (Mrs.) J. M. D. W.

Abingdon, Berkshire.  
I AM a mother of seven bonny children hope to have another in the near future. My husband is a farm worker with 24 14s. per week, less 6s. 8d. milk, 4s. 11d. insurance, and 6s. rent. Now this insurance, and 6s. rent, would be welcome in my home as we could give our children a little more extra good stuff. (Mrs.) J. S. JAY.  
Dulverton, Somerset.

The public attitude towards those who have big families is hardly encouraging. "One is thought to be a fool who does not know the facts of life."  
(Mrs.) M. L. GENTRY.

Edgware, Middlesex.  
I AM 39 years old, mother of four children. I have seen two world wars chop off in their prime sons and daughters, potential parents of the future.

(Mrs.) VINNIE SWANN.  
Walsall, Garden City.  
The children are taken out of the home by school nurseries, meals, etc. The mothers are taken out of the home by industry. The food is taken out of the home by catering establishments. Why have a home at all?  
Newmarket. (Mrs.) M. SMITH.

## Spain's Reds Wait

By WILLIAM STUTTARD

Intensified Communist activities in the Iberian Peninsula—by special broadcasts from Moscow and clandestinely—circulated news-sheets—have caused a tightening up of police vigilance.

Since the Civil War Government of Generals Franco and Carrionna have ruthlessly prevented the Reds from propagating their revolutionary doctrines openly. There is little doubt that the collapse of either the Franco or Carrionna-Salazar regime could hardly fail to have serious repercussions on the other. The police therefore in Spain and Portugal keep a close collaboration.

For some years the Kremlin have had their eyes fixed on the Iberian Peninsula as a suitable field for Communist activities.

## Aid From Outside

In spite of the close Spanish and Portuguese police vigilance, Communism carries on its insidious clandestine plotting and planning. Of all the underground forces intriguing against Franco and Salazar, the Communists alone have been able to count on valuable material aid from outside.

International Communism steadily furnishes arms, money, propaganda, and specially-trained Spaniards and Portuguese well-instructed in Communism. These supplies and trained men support an efficient secret cellular organisation which is better geared to underground activities than other movements.

While Socialism, Anarchism, and the other "isms" in Spain will rely on a mass following, the Communists emphasise quality rather than quantity. The trained Communist Party chiefs evidently hope when the revolution breaks—to which their clandestine leaflets refer—to assume the leadership of the rebels in Spain and Portugal.

## Hide-Outs Raided

The Portuguese "PIDE" (Polícia Internacional do Defesa do Estado) have recently carried out raids on Communist hide-outs in the Coimbra area and Algarve. Much useful information of the network of Red agents working for the overthrow of both regimes was discovered.  
Small printing presses, files, and documents have fallen into the hands of the "PIDE." Copies of the hammer and sickle adorned "Avante" and "Milidade" were being prepared near Coimbra when the police pounced in. The Atlantic Pact was prominently featured in both.  
"Portugal" had placed herself at the service of capitalist United States and this "would lead to war against Russia." "Portugal" must not participate in a pact

Hitler's favourite Burgerbrau cellar in Munich is now used partly as a basketball stadium for American troops and partly as a soda fountain.

"Don't forget your hot pop corn," says the notice outside the door.

Hitler's Brown House is still a mound of red brick ruins on which no contractor's "knock down" board has yet appeared. But nevertheless Munich, tribal city of the Nazis, is beginning once more to live, and old memories to stir.

Around Munich is a country, also full of fat sheep, rich timber and well fenced orchards and under the soft lights of Munich restaurants I have been watching the big landowners feeding off geese and champagne.

Among both rich and poor in Bavaria I have come across the most bitter discontent against the American occupation and the new German "democracy," which the Western Powers hope to set up this year.

The newly formed Bavarian party which demands independence for the province is making progress and thousands of peasants and townsmen overflow the weekly meetings held by the pint-sized fireball, Dr. Baumgartner. Herr Doktor is a cartoonist's dream, whose black hair shoots up on either side of his forehead like the horns of an amiable chamois.

Two Mistakes  
Two other mistakes of the American authorities have helped the old regime in its struggle to regain the saddle.

The first was to take on so many de-Nazification cases that practically every family in Bavaria was implicated and so became ready to fight the courts.

Then the occupation authorities failed to fill the empty Nazi posts with something better. "We drew the teeth of Nazi Germany," one official told me, "but we forgot to make a plate." And so the return-of-the-Junkers (model 49) and the Nazi camp followers have discouraged most Germans from giving evidence before the de-Nazification courts. Some who have already testified in Primary courts have withdrawn the evidence before appeals could be heard.

American officials tell me that in Bavaria alone 7,000 of the juicier cases are still waiting to be heard. The longer these cases are delayed against the German authorities, the more chance there will be of a white-wash verdict being given.

So far as I can tell, there is no conscious or very articulate movement yet on foot to revive the National Socialist creed. Werwolf pamphlets, which appear from time to time, seem to come from people still living in the past. The real planners, if they exist, are far too sensible to cause alarm while the American forces are still in occupation.

Even the efforts which are being made to get former Nazi sympathisers into key jobs can partly be explained by the fact that one camp follower is apt to feel politically naked when surrounded by an office-full of former anti-Nazis.

But all the signs are that one day it would not be too hard to turn back the hands of the cuckoo clock of Bavaria and for a revival of German Nationalism, you would find here in Bavaria, among the old leather breeches, chavering brush hats, and it must be added, double breasted shoulder-padded suits, a most favourable setting.

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They were driving in traffic at the rush hour with the wife keeping up a steady stream of directions: "Watch out for that red car... Slow down, now..."

Finally the husband told her gently, "Relax, darling. I have perfect confidence in you when I'm driving."

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Those eager, eager brides!

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I don't believe this talk about a stork.  
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Wot, No Wanchee?  
The hardest thing now about hard currency is to get it into Shanghai.

Every profession has its own ailments. I know a master mariner (retired) who suffers from prevailing wind.

A Dr. Weiner says robots will take over all man's labours by-and-by.  
We shall watch with interest the office electronic columnist trying to work out wisecracks from current events....

Someone is offering a Customs built sedan for sale. One of those heavy duty types, evidently.

"Maternity 'romie in the air.' To meet the stork half way?

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In Denver, U.S.A., when a hotel clerk told a would-be hold-up man, "You'd better get out of here," the gunman retreated whining, "I'll be back with someone who has more nerve than me..."

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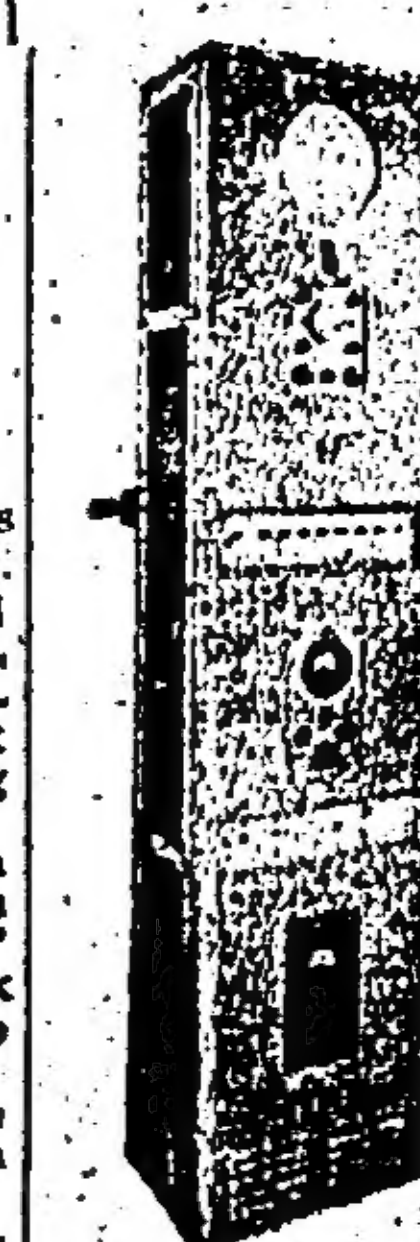
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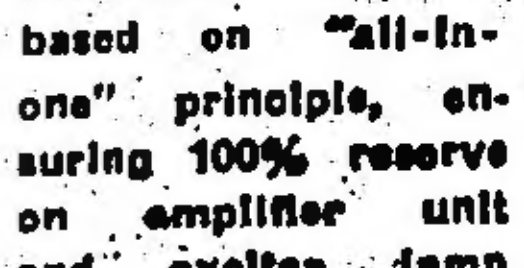
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# TRIPARTITE MEETING ON CURRENCY CRISIS U.S. To Waive Trading Discrimination Rule IMPORTANT FORWARD STEP

LONDON, July 9.  
THE BRITISH, AMERICAN AND CANADIAN FINANCE MINISTERS AGREED TODAY UPON ARRANGEMENTS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF LONG TERM MEASURES TO COPE WITH THE WORLD DOLLAR CRISIS.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. John Snyder, Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Canadian Finance Minister, Douglas Abbott, concluded two days of conferences late today. They withheld the final statement on their talks until Sunday after another conference with the Prime Minister, Clement Attlee.

A British spokesman said the Ministers agreed upon the draft of the statement. He said they dealt with two major matters: 1. Consideration of short term affairs in connection with present difficulties.

2. Arrangements for further consideration of long term measures. That is believed to refer to meetings next week of the Commonwealth Finance Ministers and to another later meeting of British and dollar countries.

The spokesman refused to give any details. Asked if the final conference with Mr. Attlee will be to get an agreement on the statement or on basic ideas, he replied: "You cannot separate the two."

The spokesman said the conference of Ministers was a consultative meeting for an exchange of views in advance of further meetings.

Mr. Snyder gave a broad hint that his country will be willing temporarily to waive strict adherence to non-discrimination in trade.

Proposals for freer trade among the European Marshall Aid countries involves discrimination against the dollar area, he said, but he feels that should be given careful consideration by the United States if necessary.

**U.S. Purchases**  
He expressed great confidence that American purchases of materials from the Sterling Area will revive as soon as the present American readjustment ends.

With Sir Stafford Cripps and Mr. Abbott Mr. Snyder had during today's talks considered short-term measures for dealing with the dollar-sterling deadlock—which is draining Sterling Area gold and dollar reserves.

They also planned arrangements for future discussions on a long-term solution.  
At today's talks four more officials joined in the discussions. They were Mr. George Willis and Mr. Dillon Glendinning of the United States Treasury, Mr. Max Mackenzie, Canadian Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, and Mr. L. Rasminsky, Chairman of the Canadian Foreign Exchange Control Board.

They joined the group of advisers who were with the "Big Three" yesterday.  
The discussions today lasted nearly four hours, beginning the total time taken up by the talks to over eight hours during the two days.

**British Problem**  
Mr. Snyder disappointed 100 newspaper men at a press conference here tonight by stating he was unable to discuss what happened during the tripartite talks.

He said he was having a meeting tomorrow with Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Averell Harriman, Marshall Aid roving Ambassador, and Mr. Harold Wilson, British Board of Trade President.

After lunch at Chequers he will leave Northolt Aerodrome, just

outside London, at 3 p.m. G.M.T. for Brussels.

From Brussels he is going to Stockholm and then to Bern and Rome. He expects to leave Brussels on Monday morning. He will not return to Britain from Rome on this trip.

During his press conference today Mr. Snyder said that sales of British goods to the United States depend on salesmanship of individual products to individual buyers.

The United States is a wonderful market for any produce that you can convince the people that they want to buy and that they can afford to buy," he said.

Incomes in the United States are still very near the peak and high incomes lead to spending. Getting British prices down so that Americans will be induced to spend on British goods is a British problem.

He denied that sales of raw materials to the United States have fallen as a result of any American recession.

"I do not recognise the word recession," he stated.

**Forward Step**  
All that is happening in the United States is a period of re-adjustment such as had occurred in each of the four post-war years. American business men are rightly reducing their inventories. After they have reduced them to a normal level, they will re-enter the markets to buy materials. He has great confidence that they will do so.

Informed quarters today said that the talks will be revealed as an important forward step.  
The "Big Three"—who are accompanied by 12 economic experts and advisers—are stated to have reached a much better understanding of the mutual problems of the Sterling and dollar areas than they had before the talks.

Mr. Snyder and Mr. Abbott, the dollar area representatives, are believed to have shown a particularly sympathetic attitude towards the United Kingdom and Commonwealth problems and an acute understanding of the difficulties which have to be surmounted in approaching a solution of the problems.

It is generally understood that Mr. Snyder and Mr. Abbott encouraged Sir Stafford to go as fully as possible into the details of the Sterling Area's problem and into his own detailed views on how a solution should be approached.

The observers see no evidence that would justify the current speculation that Mr. Snyder would press for anything like immediate convertibility of Sterling at any stage of the present talks.

**Devaluation Not Issue**  
Reports from Washington have also made it clear that the highest Treasury officials there

have not committed themselves to a hard line for or against Sterling devaluation, from which it is inferred that this subject was not a critical issue of the talks here.

Political observers think it scarcely likely that spectacular move to solve the long-term problem will emerge at this stage, which has been largely exploratory.

But the tripartite talks may well set the tempo of the Commonwealth Finance conference.

This conference, in turn, is expected to crystallise the ideas of the full Commonwealth in preparation for the further exchanges between dollar and Sterling leaders which Sir Stafford's visit to Washington for the International Monetary Fund conference will provide an opportunity in September.

Pending the Commonwealth finance meeting here, Colonial Governments have been asked by Britain to suspend temporarily the issue of licences from the dollar area, except in cases where this would have grave effects.

It is emphasised here that this is a temporary step to operate only while the financial situation is reviewed.—United Press and Reuter.

**MOSCOW PLAYS AN OLD TUNE**  
Moscow, July 9.  
The Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" charged today that President Truman's plan to aid the under-developed areas of the world is an attempt to replace the British, Dutch and French colonial empires with a "world-wide American monopoly."

The newspaper declared that the programme would also give the United States bases from which it could threaten the Soviet Union and suppress Communist movements in South East Asia.

Meanwhile, the Government newspaper, "Izvestia," published a special edition, the 10,000th since it was founded just after the 1917 revolution. Russia recognised the occasion by granting the newspaper an "Order of the Red Banner of Labour" and giving various awards and medals to 118 editorial workers.—United Press.

**Communism Sees The Light**  
Caux-sur-Montreux, July 9.  
Otto Pfeiffer, a German stainless steel worker from Krenfield, told the World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament here today that although he had been a Communist for 23 years, he now believes that class warfare has led only to hate and division.

He said that the ideology of moral re-armament which calls for a revolution based on absolute moral standards is the only solution for the economic situation of Germany and the world.

Youth delegations representing India, France, Switzerland, Sweden, Italy, Indonesia, Czechoslovakia, the United States, Canada and Holland arrived at the Assembly to report on their visits to universities in Britain, Holland, Germany and France.—Reuter.

## British Plea For Economy

Geneva, July 9.  
Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, today carried Britain's dollar saving campaign into the United Nations Organisation, with a plea to slash the \$1,700,000 annual budget of the Economic Commission for Europe.

He told the 18 members of the Economic and Social Council—subsidiary only to the United Nations General Assembly—"We simply cannot afford excessive spending of hard currency."

In an hour-long appeal for vigorous economy, he claimed that the post-war emergency problems in Europe, which the Economic Commission had been expected to tackle, had been largely liquidated and no longer requires the same approach.

Mr. McNeill attacked the Commission's spending on publicity and cited one propaganda pamphlet as "a gross example whose swagging tones and departures from accuracy are enough to shock me."

He added: "The United Nations agencies will be recognised by their work and not by cheap and inaccurate publicity on which we spend, in my view, a large share of our finances."

Mr. McNeill urged that the activities of the Economic Commission for Europe, whose original mandate continues until 1951, should be limited to those subjects on which effective action can be taken in Europe.

(All countries of Europe, except Spain, and the United States are members of the Economic Commission, the only body of its kind to group the East and West in a concerted attack on problems common to them).—Reuter.

## HOFFMAN TO TOUR EUROPE

Paris, July 9.  
Mr. Paul Hoffman, Marshall Plan Administrator, is expected to arrive in Paris next week to start a tour of dollar-aided countries in Western Europe.

Mr. Hoffman's tour, which will also take him to London, is likely to last until the end of July.

The United States Treasury Secretary, Mr. John Snyder, and Mr. Averell Harriman, roving Ambassador for the European Recovery Programme, are at present in London for dollar-crisis talks with British officials.—Reuter.

## Dollar Shortage Is British Difficulty

London, July 9.  
Mr. A. V. Alexander, Minister of Defence, said at Sheffield tonight that Britain's difficulty today is not due in any way to her internal economy but purely to the dollar shortage. Overall, her budget has been balanced, he said, and the Government intends to maintain its policy of full employment.

It must be remembered by people in the dollar countries that all nations depending on trade must co-operate, Mr. Alexander said.

It is no use for dollar areas to insist on stabilised prices for primary products like wheat and meat or, on the other hand, to drive down the price of products from the Sterling Area countries, products such as rubber, wool and tin with which they are expected to earn the dollars to buy the wheat and meat, Mr. Alexander said.—Reuter.

## STERLING AREA TRADE TALKS WITH JAPANESE

London, July 9.  
Sterling area countries will take extra precautions to seal any dollar leaks in the forthcoming trade negotiations with General MacArthur's Headquarters in Japan, according to the Board of Trade.

Officials said that negotiations for a new trade agreement for the year commencing July 1 will be held in Tokyo on July 28.

Decisions taken at the Tokyo negotiations with SCAP will be influenced to a great extent by the outcome of the Commonwealth Finance Ministers conference starting in London on July 13.

Officials recall that Britain has already suspended licences for the import of Japanese grey cloth because further imports may involve the United Kingdom Government in dollar commitment.

No more import licences from Japan will be issued until the dollar situation has been clarified.

Board of Trade officials said: "The Sterling area countries, in negotiations with SCAP, will make arrangements to see that we do not pay over dollars on the next settlement day which is December 31."

If such arrangements cannot be agreed upon the sterling area would have to regard Japan as a dollar country. At present, Japan is classified as a "bilateral country" under the trade agreement made with the sterling area countries last year.

**Overbuying**  
The agreement envisages Sterling area purchases from Japan of about \$107,000,000 in the year while Japan would purchase from the Sterling area goods to the value of \$94,000,000.

Open account purchases and balances in favour of the sterling area made up the difference. During the past year the Sterling area tended to overbuy mainly through Indian purchases from Japan and Japanese imports from the Sterling area were below estimates.

Japanese purchases from the Sterling area countries during the past trading year were mainly raw materials with Australian wool and Malayan rubber as the most prominent features.

Japan is also expected to take oil from Sterling countries valued at about \$5,000,000 but these purchases have not been made.—United Press.

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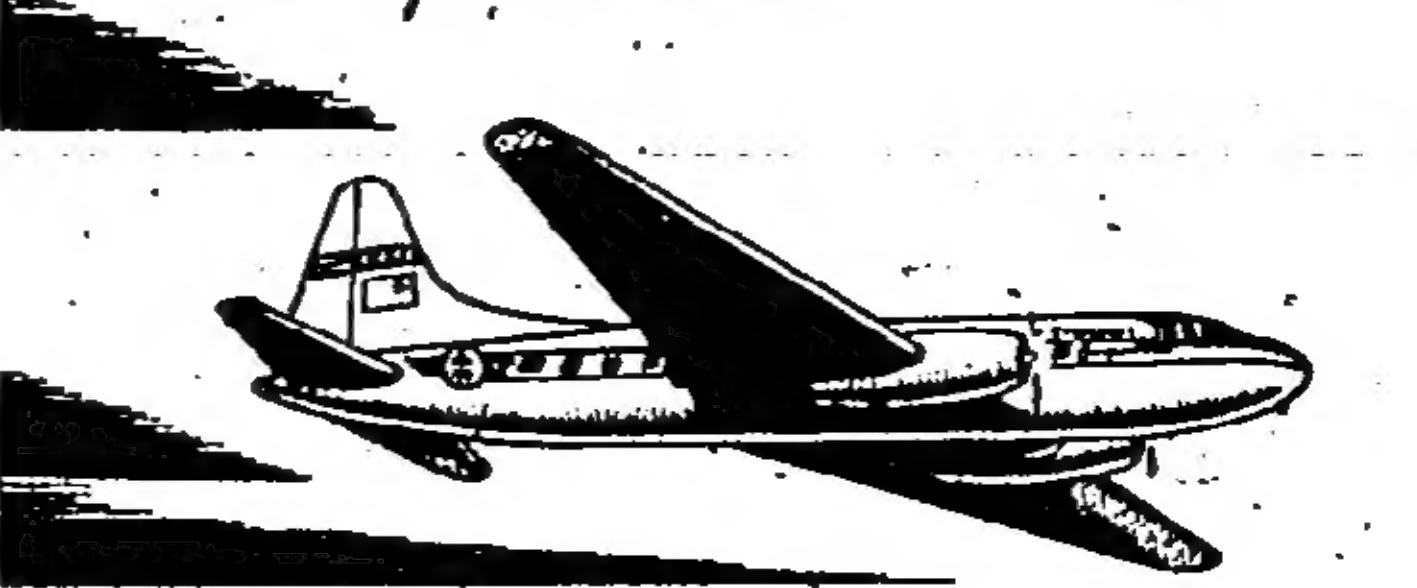
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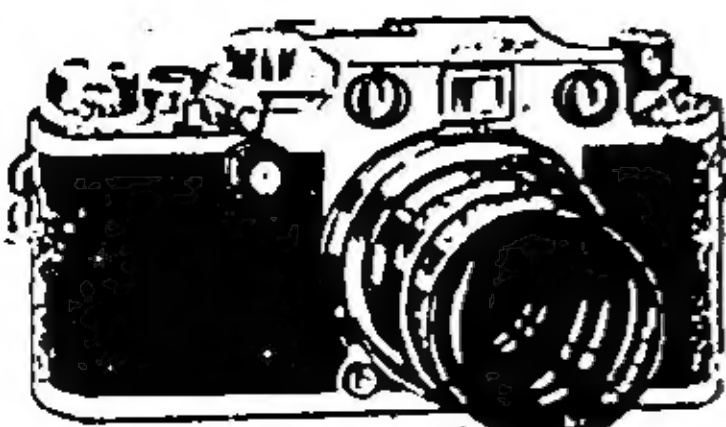
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**STAMP NEWS**  
By "TETE-BECHE"

No doubt many of my readers have read the Government Notice stating that the ban on the export of stamps from Hong Kong to places outside the 'Sterling Area' has been lifted. The ban, however, still applies to countries dealing in hard currency.

The currency of Aden, Aden States and Somaliland has been changed to 'Shillings and Cents', similar to Zanzibar. But so far no information has been issued by the Crown Agents regarding a change in the postage stamps for these areas. Nevertheless I suggest you take steps to fill any gaps you may have in the four current issues.

The 10/- Malta 'Self Government' value, which went off sale for about two months, can now be obtained in Valletta, thus disposing of the rumour that it had been withdrawn.

The new 4c. Stamp commemorating the founding of the city of Halifax, Nova Scotia, has a most attractive design in purple depicting the first landing on the site in 1749.

A values have recently been issued by the Falkland Islands: 2d. scarlet and black, 2½d. blue and black, 6d. black. A correspondent writes from Suva, Fiji, as follows:—I missed out entirely on the Solomon Islands Silver Weddings and I think they should turn out a good thing, especially fine used copies. Even dealers are reported to have been caught short!

Those who failed to obtain the recent Ascension issue of perf 14, will be disappointed to learn that the three stamps were never on sale in the island. As they were withdrawn from issue on June 24th, there is bound to be a shortage and consequently a great demand for them. Surely it is a rare occurrence for the Crown Agents to release stamps, to dealers, that have not appeared on sale in the Colony concerned.

**Rarest Stamp**

The man who found the world's rarest stamp has died in British Guiana, at the ripe age of 85. He was Mr. L. Vernon Vaughan, and the stamp he found was the only known copy of the 1 cent British Guiana stamp of 1850. This stamp was acquired by an American collector in 1922 at the then record price of £7,343.

To-day's funny story. A Lancashire dealer sold 60 unused stamps for a shilling each. Four of these stamps were lately offered for sale by a Torquay dealer for £150. They were 'Victory' issues of the Aden State of Kathiri which usually are picked up for a nominal figure, but in this particular instance the overprint 'Victory 1948' was inverted. Imagine the North Country dealer's feelings when he learned of his lapse.

New issues recently released. Leeward Islands have issued new colours for the 2d. to 3d. values, and Bahrain and Kuwait have added the 10/- G.B. value with overprint, to their current set.

Oslo, July 9. Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, arrived in Oslo today. He is to spend a holiday in the mountains near Røros.—Reuter.

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**World  
Citizen  
Rebuffed**

Lucbeck, July 9.

Another world citizen bumped up against another impenetrable frontier today.

Rudy Herzberger, who calls himself world citizen. No. 2, tried to enter the Soviet zone of Germany.

But he was rebuffed. He drove up to the Soviet border at Herneburg near here in a flamboyant loudspeaker van. He asked Russian guards to seek their commander's permission for him to enter the zone. He wanted to spread the idea of world citizenship, he told them.

The Russians said his idea was interesting and shook hands with him. But they firmly said, no papers no entry.

Herzberger told reporters he was a former American Army Sergeant touring Germany on behalf of the World Citizenship Movement started by the American, Garry Davis.

Before approaching the Russian guards he harangued them and Soviet zone Germans from the British side through his loud-speakers.

He spoke German with an American accent. When not speaking he played jazz tunes.

His three wheeled 'lorry' bears the legend in German: 'Registry for World Citizens on Wheels.'—Associated Press.

**Trying To  
Humanise  
New War**

Geneva, July 9.

Government delegates drafting new rules of war agreed here today that nations may set up security zones to shelter women and children, the wounded, aged and sick.

The vote was taken in a Committee of the 60-nation conference which is drawing up an entirely new Red Cross treaty to protect civilians in any future atom war. Eighteen nations favoured "May", none were against and 11 abstained.

The word "may" is a compromise between the Russian view that countries "should endeavour" to set up such zones and the British and United States proposal that they "should consider the possibility" of doing so.—Reuter.

**TRUMAN'S  
REPORT TO  
CONGRESS**

Washington, July 9.

A source close to the White House said today that President Truman's economic report to the Congress on Monday will emphasise that the nation's economy is still in healthy condition.

The tenor of the President's message will be calm and optimistic, he added.

Labour and industrial economists are particularly anxious to see what President Truman has to say about rising unemployment and falling prices.

Despite the recent downward business trend, this source said, President Truman is not expected to recommend any drastic Government action to stimulate economy.

Instead the President probably will ask only for a few conservative measures to hold the unemployment line and raise long-term business growth. It is understood that the Chief Executive will steer clear of other matters.—United Press.

**FLOOD TRAGEDY**

Nagpur, July 9.

Twenty women and three children were washed away by flood waters in Barar (Central Provinces) yesterday.

The women were agricultural labourers, returning home after dusk. Twelve of the bodies have been recovered.—Reuter.

**BRITISH PLANS FOR  
TRADE WITH RUSSIA**

London, July 9.

Britain hopes to do about £250,000,000 worth of business with Soviet Russia and three other Communist nations in the next year in her effort to recover economically.

Officials in the Treasury and Board agree that the current dollar crisis gives new significance to trade pact talks going on with Russia, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The £250,000,000 would be about six per cent of Britain's world trade. Last year her imports and exports totalled nearly £3,750,000,000 or which more than £1,500,000,000 were imports.

The question of why Britain is in trouble financially engaged the United States Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. John W. Snyder, and the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, in further talks today.

They held a morning session, then a lunch session, and then turned to the conference table in the afternoon. Mr. Snyder is understood to have asked a few questions at the first meeting on Friday and then sat back for Sir Stafford's explanations.

**Trade With Soviet Bloc**

Both the United States and Britain are worried by the fact that the gold and dollar reserves of Britain and the Sterling area are falling more than US\$1,000,000,000 in the last 2½ years to a total of US\$1,024,000,000 despite American loan and Marshall Plan aid.

Sir Stafford has ordered a three-month "standstill" on British trade with the Soviet bloc.

**Clothes Boxes  
Contained  
Two Bodies**

Rome, July 9.

Despatches from Bari today said that Customs police there found two bodies when they opened zinc boxes marked "clothing" about to be loaded on to a ship bound for Palestine.

They were both bodies of aged men. The boxes were the property of Jews about to embark for Palestine and had come from Austria.

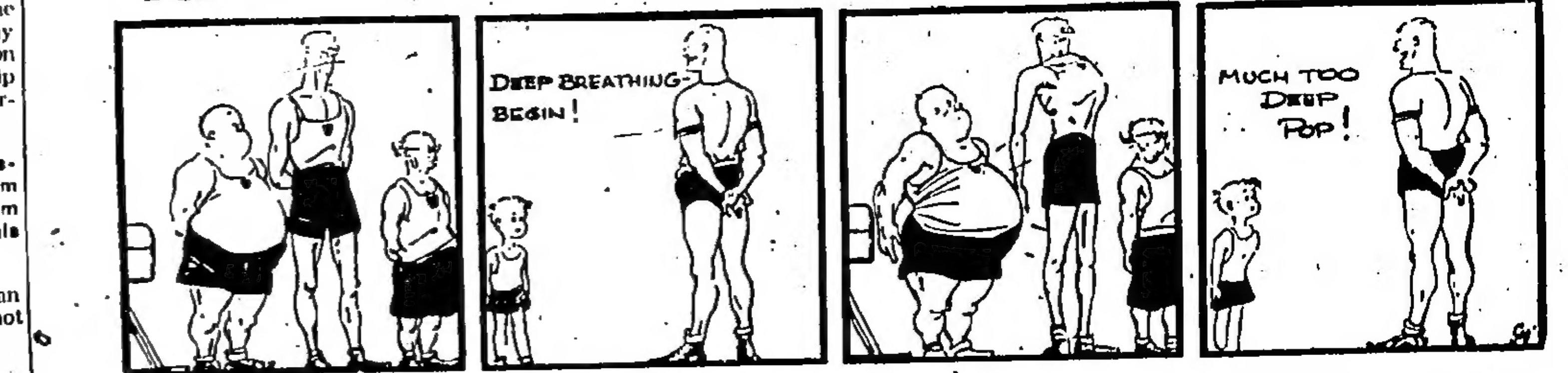
The bodies were sent to Bari cemetery pending investigation.—Associated Press.

**ALABAMA MOB  
VIOLENCE**

Birmingham, July 9.

A grand jury today returned 45 indictments in its investigation of masked mob violence in the Birmingham area of Alabama.

Acts under investigation include flogging, cross burning and threats.—Reuter.



**MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN**

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

HE JUMPED INTO THIS HOLE—BUT I GOT HIM! THROW HIM OUT!

THE TOUGH TOSSED MANDRAKE'S FIGURE—IMAGE DOWN THE STEPS—SO LONG, SUCKER!

GOOD NIGHT! WE THREW HIM DOWN—

—BUT HE WENT UP LIKE A BALLOON! CONTINUED—

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By FRANK ROBBINS

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SO I HAVE BEEN INFORMED...

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